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In re Patent Application of:  
Helene Derand et al.

Application No.: 10/030,297

Group Art Unit: 3754

Filed: December 21, 2001

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For: POLYMER VALVES

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

1. Response to Non-Final Action (9 pages)
2. Request for 1 month Extension of Time (2 pages)
3. Replacement Drawings (2 sheets)
4. Submission of Drawings (1 page)
5. Return Postcard

Our check in the amount of \$120.00 covering the required fees is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. 10112402.

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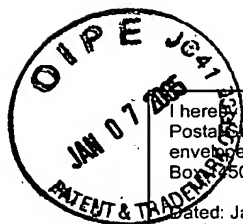
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**SUBMISSION OF DRAWINGS**

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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is one set (two sheets, two figures) of drawings for filing in the above-identified patent application. Kindly substitute the enclosed drawings for the drawings submitted with the originally filed application.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. 10112402 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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